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SUBJECT: SAN JOSE ACTIVITIES FOR INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION WEEK

In celebration of International Education Week,
November 14-18, Embassy San Jose will program four
events:

1. On November 14, Post, in conjunction with Costa Rica's Binational Center, will host a "Study in the U.S. Symposium." This event will feature an introduction to International Education Week and its importance to the U.S. government by the CAO, a talk by the Binational Center's Educational Adviser, a presentation by a Consular Officer on student visas, a presentation by a visiting representative from a U.S. university, and a panel of former Costa Rican participants in the Fulbright Program who will talk about their experience studying in the U.S. Post will invite university contacts, university and high school students, and high school guidance counselors to the event.
2. On November 15, Post, in conjunction with Costa Rica's National University, will host a DVC on "Systems for University Library Resource Sharing" for the public university library community in Costa Rica. Costa Rica's public universities are in the nascent stages of establishing a network to share library resources and are interested in how this has been done in the U.S.
3. On November 16, Post will hold a reception in honor of current and former participants in the Fulbright Program. Newly-arrived Ambassador Langdale will attend this event and speak on the importance of educational exchanges, like the Fulbright Program, in promoting mutual understanding. A visiting U.S. delegation from the civic education organization Civitas will also attend the reception. The delegation will be headed by New Mexico's Secretary of State, Ms. Rebecca Vigil-Giron and State Bar of Texas President, Mr. Eduardo Roberto Rodriguez; a representative from the group will give remarks about the work of Civitas in Costa Rica and abroad, and inform the guests of opportunities for involvement in its work.
4. The Embassy's support to the Civitas network is not limited to IEW. It is continuous commitment, through the work of its Cultural Affairs Assistant, whose responsibilities include serving as program coordinator and partnership liaison between the local NGO and its U.S. partners in New Mexico and Texas. For the November Civitas visit, Post will provide transportation for the delegation and support material for two teacher training workshops scheduled during the week. The workshops will focus on the civic education programs developed by the Center for Civic Education. One will revolve around the four basic concepts of democracy (responsibility, authority, justice and privacy) and the other will focus on improving constitutional understanding and knowledge among high school students.
5. On November 17, Post will work with Costa Rica's national university accreditation organization to sponsor a DVC on "The Effect of Accreditation on U.S. Universities" for the Costa Rican university accreditation officials and university officials. University accreditation in Costa Rica is relatively new, and accreditation officials are interested in learning from the U.S. model.

THANKS AND REGARDS,

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